

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Finance: Committee ordered favorably reported an original bill to reauthorize the Children's Health Insurance Program.

Also, committee adopted its rules of procedure for the 111th Congress.

NOMINATION

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nomination of Susan E. Rice, to be Representative to the United Nations, with the rank and status of Ambassador, and the Representative in the Security Council of the United Nations, and to be Representative to the Sessions of the General Assembly of the United Nations during her tenure of service as Representative to the United Nations, after the nominee, who was introduced by Senators Bayh and Collins, testified and answered questions in her own behalf.

NOMINATION

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee ordered favorably reported the nomination of Hillary R. Clinton, to be Secretary of State.

NOMINATION

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nomination of Janet A. Napolitano, to be Secretary of Homeland Security, after the nominee, who was introduced by Senators McCain and Kyl, testified and answered questions in her own behalf.

HEALTH INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: Committee concluded a hearing to examine investing

in health information technology (IT), focusing on stimulus for a healthier America, after receiving testimony from Valerie C. Melvin, Director, Human Capital and Management Information Systems Issues, Government Accountability Office; John H. Cochran, The Permanente Foundation, Oakland, California, on behalf of the Kaiser Permanente Medical Care Program; Janet Corrigan, The National Quality Forum, and Mary R. Greal, Healthcare Leadership Council, both of Washington, D.C.

ECONOMIC STIMULUS

Committee on Indian Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine job creation and economic stimulus in Indian country, after receiving testimony from Robert Middleton, Director, Office of Indian Energy and Economic Development, Bureau of Indian Affairs, and Jack Rever, Director, Facilities Management and Improvement, both of the Department of the Interior; Jackie Johnson-Pata, National Congress of American Indians, Robin Butterfield, National Indian Education Association, and Reno Franklin, National Indian Health Board, all of Washington, D.C.; and Julie Kitka, Alaska Federation of Natives, Anchorage, on behalf of the National Indian Health Board.

NOMINATION

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee held a hearing to examine the nomination of Eric H. Holder, to be Attorney General of the United States, the nominee, who was introduced by former Senator John Warner and Representative Norton, testified and answered questions in his own behalf.

Hearings recessed subject to the call and will meet again on Friday, January 16, 2009.